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DAVID FULTON, EDITOR.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1848.

Public Documents. Gen, Scott's Letter.

Mexico, February 24, 1848. SIR: On the 18th, I received your two letters of the 13th ultimo, and immediately issued the general order No. 59 (a copy enclosed) devolving the command of the army, in Mexico, upon Major General Butler.

As the officers detailed for the court of inquiry, before which I am ordered to appear as a criminal, are not known to have arrived in the country, I avail myself of a moment's leisure to recall some of the neglects, disappoint-We think, that although a large majority of the readers ments, injuries, and rebukes which have been rnal" are Democrats, still THEY occasionally inflicted upon me by the War Department, since my departure from Washington, Novem-

> To me, the business of recrimination, however provoked, has ever been painful. In this summary I shall, therefore, indulge in no wantonness of language, but confine myself to naked historical facts-leaving conclusions to men of sense and candor.

In the hurry of preparation for Mexico, (ony four days were allowed me at Washington, SOUTHERN MAIL, by Steamer from Charleston, is due when twenty might have been most advantageously employed in the great bureaux-those FAYETYSVILLE MAIL, by Rail Road, is due on Mondays of the chief engineers, chief of ordnance, chief quartermasters, and chief commissary of subsistence) I handed to you a written request, that one of three of our accomplished captains, therein named, might be appointed assistant adjutant general, with the rank of major, for duty with me in the field; and there was a vacancy at the time, for one. My request has never been attended to, and thus I have had no officer of the Adjutant General's Department with me in the campaign. Can another instance be cited of denying a general in-chief, in the field, at the head of a large army-or even a small one-the selection of his chief of his staff—that is, the chief in the department of orders and correspondence? Early in the following January.

> that a general court-martial might be appointed on the part of the President, for the trial of two officers, (named by me,) for conduct each had committed that endangered, in a high degree, the success of the impending campaign and I specially referred to the anomalous and fatal act of Congress, (May 29, 1830,) which prohibited me, as the "accuser or prosecutor," from ordering the court for the trial of the cases. My application has never been noticed. This neglect alone ought early to have admonished me that I had no hope of support at Washington, in any attempt I might make against certain officers) to maintain necessary discipline in the army I was about to lead into the field. I left Washington highly flattered with the confidence and kindness the President had just shown me, in many long personal interviews on military matters. For more than two months my expressions of gratitude were daily and fervent, nor were they less emphatic towards the head of the War Department. Proceeding with zeal and confidence in my most hazardous duties, I learned, January 27, "more than 20,000 men may be needed: I good; and 3. The extreme misting atton into his recreancy to himself and country. And ragraph: which your letter, and particularly an interat the Brazos San Jago, that an attempt was on foot to create a lieutenant general to take command in the field over me. Shocked and distressed, I allowed of no relaxation in my efforts to serve my country, resolved that for the short time I was likely to remain in

" True as the dial to the sun, Although it be not shined upon." A great outrage soon followed: failing to obtain an act for the citizen lieutenant general, a bill was pressed upon Congress to authorize the placing of a junior major general just appointed (the same individual) in command over all the old major generals then in front of

I will not here trust myself to add a soldier's comment upon those attempts; but I may thank God that He did not allow them, or sub- thousand men had been already raised and or- for the unavoidable—nay, wise, if it had not gan to seek, through a quarrel, the means of Mexico before you had time for necessary The facts in relation to this case of alleged sequent injuries, to break down entirely the ganized. My distress may be conceived, by been unavoidable—release, on parole, of the turning that knowledge to his own benefit.) preparations. spirit and abilities (such as they are) with any soldier, on learning, at Jalapa, April 27, prisoners taken at Cero Gordo—even before No. There was (recently) still another elewhich He had endowed me.

Foreseeing, at Washington, that, from the great demands of commerce at the moment, it Manufacturers & Bealers in would be difficult, if not impossible, to take up, perhaps at any price, a sufficient number of vessels at New Orleans and Mobile to transport the regiments of my expedition from the

> weeks was likely to prove a total defeat. marked "War Department, December 15, and Puebla, and to keep at the head of the has not received a dollar from the States since reports and communications." received January 8, it is said-

now being prepared, besides which ten ves- lor, whether I shall find this army in strength small amounts, and borrowed largely of the October; that up to that time, from our en- for staff appointments, without violating the suming command—boled disastrous conse-[for troops,] unless stores can be put on board, to make up the number (40) required by the to make up the number (40) required by the commanding general."

arrived when the Mexican flags were replaced jor General Taylor, much precious time, I taloons. These articles, about 3,000 pairs of meration of the abovementioned article. able places. We succeeded, at last, in reach- of June, and at one-fifth of the loss sustained nakedness of the troops. February 28, off ment, until after the approaching trial, ing the point of attack, in the midst of fright- in August and September. The enemy avail- Lobos, I wrote to Brigadier General Brooke to ful northers, by means, in great part, of tra- ed himself of my forced delay at Puebla, to direct the quartefmaster at N. Orleans to send ding craft, small and hazarduous, picked up collect, to treble, to organise and discipline his me large supplies of clothing March 16accidently at the Brazos and Tampico; and forces, as also to erect numerous and power- 23, General Brooke replied that the quarterwhen the army got ashore, its science and va- ful defences with batteries. Nearly all those master at N. Orleans had 'neither clothing nor lor had to supply all deficiencies in heavy extraordinary preparations for our reception shoes; and that he was 'fearful that, unless guns, mortars, and ordnance stores.

partment, after entering the captured city, na Vista reached Washington in time to coun- quantity of clothing, perhaps one-fifth of our contained an elaborate rebuke, (dated Februa- termand Cadwalader's orders for the Rio wants, came to Vera Cruz from some quarter, ry 22,) for having ordered Col. Harney, 2d Grande, before his departure from New Or- and followed us to Jalapa and this place." rebuke was written with a complacency that In a report of that date, I said: general of the recent appointments. Yet, without the power of selecting commanders of a country which, though broken in its power, are acknowledged by the department in the Your prudent respect for the 5th article of war fact lying within the range of matters with as you allege, against their wishes, "three venture to take upon himself the conduct of vide for the return home of seven regiments and ineffiparticular corps, no general-in-chief would is not yet disposed to sue for peace; -- to pro- same letter (Jan. 13) that recalls me. a critical campaign. Such selections were always made by the Father of his country, and the principal generals under him. So is the principal general generals under him. So is the principal general generals under him. So is the principal general general generals under him the general general generals under him the general general generals under him the general general general generals under him the general gene

Major General Brown, on his joining me, and tion of ten or twelve thousand new levies in is a discrimination with a vengeance! While an evident design to create a belief that you service. That you chose to employ none of the head of the War Department. Both were April or May-asked for, and until very re- the parties are on trial-if the appealer is to were drawn forth from your quiet position, in them at your headquarters, and detached from we'l acquainted with the customs of war, in cently expected—or even with the addition of be tried at all, which seems doubtful—two are a bureaux of this department, and assigned to other appropriate duties an officer to act as an other appropriate duties an officer to act as an other appropriate duties and other appropriate duties are of the d l'ke cases, at home and abroad; and without that energy on my part, it is highly probable that no American citizen models of the cases, at home and abroad; and without two or three thousand new troops, destined for this army, but suddenly, by the orders of the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the admitted at all, which seems doubtful—two are a bureaux of this department, and assigned to the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the admitted at all, which seems doubtful—two are a bureaux of this department, and assigned to the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the admitted at all, which seems doubtful—two are a bureaux of this department, and assigned to the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the admitted at the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the admitted at all, which seems doubtful—two are a bureaux of this department, and assigned to the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the command of our armies in Mexico, for the purpose of being sacrificed; and, that, to actually expected—or even with the command of our armies in Mexico, for the assistant adjutant general, may well be regarded. that no American citizen would ever have cithe War Department, diverted to the Rio mand! There can be but one step more in complish this end, " neglects, disappointments, with you in Mexico, and a cause of complish this end, with you in Mexico, and a cause of complish the state of the Nice o ted the battles of the Niagara without a sigh Grande frontier, I might, notwithstanding the the same direction :—throw the rules and artifor his country. I am happy, however, that unavoidable discharge of the old volunteers— cles of war into the fire, and leave all ranks you, and the necessary means of prosecuting you against the War Department. Willing as before a word had been received from the de- seven regiments and two independent compa- in the army free to engage in denunciations the war with success withheld; or, in other I am to presume, though unable to conceive. partment, and, indeed, before it could have nies—advance with confidence upon the ene- and a general scramble for precedence, autho- words, the government, after preferring you that circumstances justified you in passing ohad any knowledge of the question, I had decided to take with me the irank and gallant but whether beyond Puebla, will depend on mento, on the part of my factious jurors, is range of its choice, had labored to frustrate its with the army, and in selecting an officer of countries and a general scramole for precedence, authorized to another of the gallant generals within the range of its choice, had labored to frustrate its colonel, and hope soon to learn that he and intervening information and reflection. The most triumphant. very many other officers have been rewarded general panic given to the enemy at Cerro My recall—under the circumstances, a se- mies, and involve itself in ruin and disgrace, though there was no vacancy in the Adjutant with brevets for their highly distinguished Gordo still remaining, I think it probable that vere punishment before trial—but to be follow- for an object so unimportant in its bearing up- General's staff of the grade of major, for which services in the campaign that followed.

that, in acknowledging your communication, nation by another blow." "I might very well controvert the military and abandoned, and again, like him, always grounds: 1. My own request, meaning that For other purposes than to combat this recommended an officer in General Wool's principles so confidently laid down by the afraid that the next ship or messenger might of June 4, (quoted above, and there was no fondly-cherished chimera, it is proper that I staff, then on the Chihuahua expedition. This department [in the letter of the 22d February:] recall or farther cripple me-I resolved no other before the department,) which had been should notice some of your specific allegations. officer was subsequently appointed assistant but believing that the practice of the U. States longer to depend on Vera Cruz or home, but previously (July 12) acknowledged and rebuarmy in the two wars with Great Britain to render my little army "a self-sustaining kingly declined. 2. The arrest of Brevet Ma- the chief command of our armies, the Presi- you desired, and has ever since been at the would have no weight in the particular case, machine"-as I informed everybody, including jor General Worth, for writing to the depart. dent was desirous that your departure should headquarters of that general. Thus it will be no leisure and no inclination for controversy" vanced to Puebla.

Alluding to the heavy disappointments in respect to transports, seige trains, and ord- causes of complaint, and others, to be found "malice" and "conduct unbecoming an offi- Washington. You were not ordered away The next specification in the catalogue of nance stores, then already experienced, I in my reports at large-particularly in respect | cer and gentleman," in the matter of the gene- until you had reported that these preparations | charges preferred against me, is that a courtwrote to the department, from Lobos, Feb. 28: to money for the disbursing staff officers, clo- eral order No. 349, on the subject of puffing were so far completed that your presence here martail was not instituted by the President for "Perhaps no expedition was ever so unac- thing, and Mr. Trist, commissioner-that I letters for the newspapers at home. countably delayed-by no want of foresight, concluded my report from Puebla, June 4, in On that second point, the letter from the de- ing directly to Mexico, you were permitted, at Montgomery on your charge against them. arrangement, or energy, on my part, as I dare these words:

affirm-and under circumstances the most critfirst week in April; and here we are at the experienced, I beg to be recalled from this ar- experience in the field.

the retreat, in pursuit of the enemy, was vig- Mr. Trist," I continued :

Rio Grande frontier! day after, I said I had expected that-

up the ranks of the old.

were made after the middle of June. And it they have been sent out to you direct, you The first letter that I received from the de- is known that the news of the victory of Bue- will be much disappointed.' Some small

the principal generals under him. So in the campaign of 1814, I myself sent away, against their wishes, three senior field officers gainst their wishes, three senior field officers who was not ment.

onstrated that Vera Cruz was the true base of to send forward your letter of April 14, in- youd the army. But this would not be the whole heading: port, "about 20,000 men," or "an army of which I am happy to say has now become reduce such commander to utter imbecilty, by mer." many important points in the rear, to secure am concerned, I am perfectly willing that all field? that the whole of that force had been sent, one word of commendation from government ment associated in the work-kept as far as guage: in the spring of the year-a delay of a few the road in our present rear, open for many obligations imposed under all circumstances observes, parenthetically, but with an acumen orders and correspondence?"

The date of this memorandum is Decembe | provisions of the act of March 3; that the re- bursing departments at home, has been made | tives began to pour in upon me.

dragoons, to remain in the command of the leans. Two rifle companies, with him, re- I must here specially remark, that this reits date, (July 25,) seems to have miscarried. department. was no great difference in the number of cav- offence to the department, by expressing my- not acknowledged by the department, I caused you seem to have long pertinaciously cherish- major, to which either of the captains recomalry companies with the two armies. This self to the same effect from Jalapa, May 6.— a duplicate to be made, signed it, and sent it ed, and to correct the errors into which you mended by you could have been properly apoff by the same conveyance with my despatch have fallen, devolves upon me a duty which pointed. There was no such vacancy. To item in your arraignment of the War Departargued the highest professional experience in which matters and such matters and such matters and sold with a report of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and to went the statement of the subject of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and to went the statement of the subject of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and to went the subject of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and to went the subject of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and to went the subject of that order (No. 135, old No. 36, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but, in performing it, I show the correctness of this statement, and the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is not all the charges against Brevet Major I must not decline; but it is such matters, and could not have been more volunteers) has given me long and deep soliconfident in its tone, if dictated to the greenest citude. To part with so large and so respectively of the recent appointment of the recent appointment of the recent appointment. The part with so large and so respectively of the recent appointment of the recent appointment.

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Thus, like Cortez, finding myself isolated cusers-is very ingeniously placed on two tion. It was in reference to the foregoing serious in which I was grossly and falsely accused of days" to make the necessary preparations at with

15, more than three weeks after my requisi- mainder were discharged May 4; that Major known, to our shame, in the papers of the A word as to the 5th article of war. I can

I have the honor to remain, respectfully, Your most obedient servant, WINFIELD SCOTT. The Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR,

Washington, D. C. Reply of Mr. Marcy.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, April 21, 1848. SIR: It would not be respectful to you to captain then in commission.

has induced you to hold me ostensibly respon- which you are presumed to be familiar, has senior field officers of as many regiments

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not probably be reached from the Rio Grande; planatory papers which he desired to commu- mass of the spirited, intelligent, and well affec- in the Secretary's instructions to General S., at that critical conjuncture, have been separa-I estimated that, after taking that great sea- nicate; 2. His bad health in May and June, ted, among his brothers in arms, would soon drawn up (in haste) at the request of the for.

a free communication with Vera Cruz; 3. I have heretofore written to the department a- But it was not my request of June 4, nor in a very few days already, through the gen- tory-among the most brilliant in the whole To make distant detachments, in order to bout Mr. Trist should be suppressed. I make report No. 30, (of July 25) so largely quoted eral staff of the army here, laid a sufficient ba. course of the war-we might have had to lagather in, without long halts, necessary this declaration as due to my present esteem from above; nor yet the appeal of one profor that gentleman; but ask no favor, or de. nunciado that has at length brought down up- ged, and that you now think it best to proceed total loss of the whole force you had left to And that force, I supposed, including vol sire none, at the hands of the department. on me this visitation, so clearly predicted. at once to the southwest, in order to organize sustain that frontier. No man has more reaunteers, and aided by land and money boun- Justice to myself, however tardy, I shall take That appeal, no doubt, had its merits-con- the largest number of troops that can be ob- son than yourself to rejoice that no order emties, might be raised in time, by adding ten or care to have done. * I do not acknowl- sidering it came from an erratic brother-a de- tained in time for that most important expedi- anated from Washington, though requested by twelve new regiments of regulars, and filling edge the justice of either of your rebukes con. serter from the other extreme-who having tion"-(the expedition against Vera Cruz.) you, which would have further impaired the tained in the letter of May 31, [in relation to just made his peace with the true faith, was Here is your own most explicit admission that efficiency of General Taylor's command in the A bill was introduced for raising ten addi- Mr. Trist and the prisoners at Cerro Gordo :1 bound to signalize apostacy by acceptable de- you represented to the Secretary of War, be- crisis that then awaited him. tional regular regiments; and I certainly do and that I do not here triumphantly vindicate nunciations of one for whom, up to Vera fore leaving Washington, that arrangements My letter of the 22d February, conveying not mean to charge the department with the myself, is not from the want of will, means, Cruz, he had professed, (and not without were so far completed, that you thought it best the President's views in regard to your order whole delay, in passing the bill through Con- or ability, but time. The first letter (dated cause,) the highest obligations (It was there to proceed at once to the army in Mexico; and depriving Colonel Harney of his appropriate gress. But it was passed February 11, 1847: February 22) received from you, at Vera Cruz, he learned from me that I was doomed at yet you make it your opening charge against command, is severely arraigned by you as ofand under it, by early in April, some few contained a censure, and I am now rebuked Washington, and straightway the apostate be- the department, that you were forced away to fensive, both in manner and matter.

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we shall go to Mexico; or, if the enemy re- ed by a trial here, that may run into the au- on public affairs. A charge so entirely prepos- only you recommended the "accomplished It was in reference to the same rebuke, cover from that, we must renew the conster- tumn-and on matters I am but partially per- terous, so utterly repugnant to all the proba- captains"-and to which, only, they were mitted to know by the department and my ac- bilities of human conduct, calls for no refuta- properly eligible-there was a vacancy in it of the rank of captain. For this position you I waive further reply-having, at the moment, the head of the War Department-and ad- ment "under the pretext and form of an ap- not be unnecessarily delayed; but you were perceived that your request, so far as it was peal," an open letter, to be sent through me, not restricted, as you allege, to "only four proper and reasonable, was actually complied

was no longer required. Then, instead of go. the trial of General Marshall and Captain partment of January 13 is more than ingeni- your own request, to take a circuitous route The offences imputed to them were certainly "Considering the many cruel disappoint- ous; it is elaborate, subtle, and profound-a through New York, and there to remain a few not of st aggravated character. The one, as ical to this entire army; for every body relied ments and mortifications I have been made to professional dissertation, which the rare merit days. You staid at New York nearly an en- was alleged, had been incautious in relation upon knew, from the first, as well as I knew, feel since I left Washington, and the total of teaching principles until now wholly un- tire week; and, not until the 19th of Pricem- to a despatch under circumstances that might it would be fatal to us to attempt military op- want of support or sympathy on the part of known to military codes and treatises, and of ber, (twenty-six days after leaving Washing- admit of its coming to the knowledge of the erations, on this coast, after, probably, the the War Department, which I have so long course to all mere soldiers, however great their ton,) did you reach New Orleans, where you enemy, and the other had not carried a deswould have arrived in seven days if you had patch with as much expedition as you thought end of February! Nevertheless this army is my the moment it may be safe for any person I have not in this place time to do more than been required to take the direct route. This he might have done. As one was a general in heart; and crippled as I am in the means to embark at Vera Cruz-which, I suppose, hint at the fatal consequences of the novel solicited indulgence, by which your arrival officer, a court to try him must have been required and promised, I shall go forward, and will be early in November. Probably all field doctrine in question. According to the depart- at New Orleans was delayed nearly three composed of officers of high rank. Before the expect to take Vera Cruz and its castle in operations will be over long before that time." ment, any factious junior may, at his pleasure, weeks, is incompatible with your allegation order for assembling it could have reached time to escape, by pursuing the enemy, the But my next report (July 25) from I uebla in the midst of the enemy-using "the pretext that you were allowed "only four days at Mexico, it was foreseen that your command has, no doubt, in the end, been deemed more and form of an appeal" against his comman. Washington, where twenty might have been would be at Vera Cruz, and probably engaged The city and castle were captured March unpardonable by the department. In that pa- der, insult and outrage him to the grossest ex- most advantageously employed." This com- in an active seige of that city. Officers could 29th, and with about one-fourth of the neces- per, after speaking of the "happy change in tent-though he be the general-in-chief, and plaint has relation to facts within your own not therefore, have been then sent from your ary means for a road-train, (no fault of mine,) my relations, both official and private, with charged with the conduct of the most critical knowledge; error, therefore, is hardly recon- column to Monterey or the Rio Grande, (where operations; and that commander may not ar- cilable with any solicitude to be accurate. As the court must have been held,) without great orously commenced April 8th. The battle of "Since about the 26th ultimo [June] our rest the incipient mutineer, until he shall have this is your opening charge against the War detriment to the public service. Had you Cerro Gordo soon followed, and we occupied intercourse has been frequent and cordial, and first laid down his own authority, and submit- Department, and may be regarded as indica- been deprived of several officers of high rank Jalapa and Perote, where we were obliged to I have found him [Mr. T] able, discreet, cour- ted himself to a trial, or wait at least until a tive of those which follow, I shall make the at that critical period by the order of the Prewait for supplies from Vera Cruz. In those teous, and amiable. At home it so chanced distant period of leisure for a judicial examipositions, I was made to writhe under another that we had but the slightest possible acquain. nation of the appeal! And this is precisely purpose of showing with what recklessness tence of complaint than any one in your extance with each other. Hence more or less of the case under consideration. The depart- you have performed the functions of an accu- tended catalogue. Had the court been com-In my four memorials to the department on reciprocal prejudice; and of the existence of ment, in its cagerness to condemn me, could ser, and how little reliance, in the present posed of officers taken from General Taylor's the further prosecution of the war against his feelings towards me, I knew (by private not take time to learn of the experienced, that state of your feelings, can be placed on your command, it would have still further weaken-Mexico, written at Washington—and dated, respectively, October, 27, November 12, 16, and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounced misunderstanding between Mr. and 21—(it was only intimated to me in the pronounce night of November 18, that I might prepare Trist and myself could not have occurred but him-at least down to a rank that may be sup- with me a paper, in your own hand-writing, that it was most fortunate the President did myself for the field)—papers in which I dem- for other circumstances: 1. His being obliged posed without influence, in high quarters, be- dated November 23, 1846, with the following not comply with your request, for had he done so, some of the officers highest in rank, operations, and that the enemy's capital could stead of delivering it in person, with the ex- mischief to the public service. Even the great "Notes suggesting topics to be embraced and most conspicuous at Buena Vista, might, court at a distance from that glorious scene of more than 20,000 men may be needed: 1 good; and 3. The extreme mistification into holding him in just scorn and contempt for From that paper I extract the following pa- action. It is not fanciful to suppose that their absence might have changed the for-'mulated force in the way; 2. To garrison lineation, unavoidably threw me. So far as I are discipline and efficiency no value in the "I (the Secretary of War) am pleased to tune of that eventful day; and that, instead of learn from you (General Scott) that you have rejoicing, as we now do, in a triumph of vic-

grievance are now before the public, and a tion in its true light. Under your orders Col. under Brigadier General Cadwalader, to the has reached this army on account of its gallant practicable out of the letter of recall—an influconduct in the capture of those prisoners. - ence proceeding from the other arrested gene- of three of our accomplished captains, therein regiment-the 2d dragoons-from Monterey In my letter to the department, written the [No such commendation has yet been receiv- ral-who is quite willing that it should gene- named, might be appointed assistant adjutant to the Brasos, to be under your immediate ed-February, 1848.] So, in regular pro- rally be understood (and who shall gainsay general, with the rank of major, for duty with command:and two others-being all of the reg-"Detachments of the new regiments would, as you had promised me, begin to arrive in lantly bear me into the city of Mexico, in the land punishments, in this army, were, from the land punishments, in this army, were punishments, and the land punishments are punishments. Rio Grande frontier to Vera Cruz, I endeavor- this month, and continue to follow perhaps next six or seven weeks—which is probable, first, to follow his recommendations. This, been attended to, and thus I have had no offi hopes and ardent desire for active service, you ed to impress upon the War Department the into June." "How many [volunteers] will if we are not arrested by a peace or a truce— the more powerful of the pronunciados against cer of the Adjutant General's Department with took from him the command of his own reginecessity of sending out, from the northern re-engage, under the act approved March 3, look to be dismissed from the service of my No. 349, well knew, at the time, as I soon me in the campaign. Can another instance be ment, devolved it on one of his junior officers, and eastern ports, a certain number of large (only received two days ago,) I know not; country! You will perceive that I am aware knew, that he was justly obnoxious, not only cited of denying a general-in-chief, in the and ordered him back to Gen. Taylor's line to ships in ballast, in order that the expedition probably but few. Hence the greater my dis- (as I have long been) of the dangers which to the animadversions of that order, but to othmight not be delayed, and in view of "the fixed appointment caused by sending the new troops hang over me at home; but I, too, am a citifact "—the return of the vomito at Vera Cruz to the Rio Grande; for, besides their keeping zen of the United States, and well know the In respect to this general, the letter of recall staff—that is, the chief in the department of his feelings and injured in his rights, he respectfully remonstrated; his appeal to your weeks by marches in successive detachments, by an enlightened patriotism. In respect to worthy of more than a "hasty" notice, that Were the case precisely as you have stated sense of justice was unavailing. Neither to In a paper transmitted to me, headed "Me- I had intended, as I advanced, to leave strong money, I beg again to report that the chief some of my specifications of his misconduct it to be, you have given too much prominence, this gallant officer nor to the President did morandum for the Quartermaster General," garrisons in this place, (Jalapa,) in Perote, commissary (Captain Grayson) of this army are hardly consistent with "your [my] official as a matter of complaint, to the President's you assign any sufficient or even plausible rearefusal to be controlled, in the exercise of the son for this extraordinary proceeding. The marked "War Department, December 15, and Fuebla, and to keep at the head of the appointing power, by your wishes. Had there whole amount a force equal to any probable oppower, by your wishes. Had there whole amount a force equal to any probable oppower, by your wishes. Had there whole amount a force equal to any probable oppower, by your wishes. Had there was a pointing power, by your wishes. Had there was a proposition of the trials, I will here briefly state, sition. It may now depend on the number of owes more than \$200,000, and is obliged to "Independently of this number of trans- the old volunteers who may re-engage, and purchase on credit, at great disadvantages.— that, unfortunately, I followed that general's of the accomplished captains" you named, no ports for troops and ordnance stores, [from the number of new troops that may arrive The chief quarter-master (Capt. Irwin) has re- own reports, written and oral; that my confi- one knows better than you do that your re- that was, that you had inflicted an injury and the north,] there will be required, say, five from the Brazos in time, as also in some deships for the transportation of the [surf] boats gree upon the advance of Major General Tay- incumbrances. Both have sold draughts to slightly shaken, as early as the first week in departing from the uniform rule of selection cer. Such an act—almost the first on your assals must be taken up and sent out in ballast, to leave the garrison, and to occupy the capiof the old volunteers re-engaged under the them. Our poverty, or the neglect of the dispromotion in the staff is as inflexible, and has against the head of the War Department, and been as uniformly observed, as that in the line. have characterized it as a censure and a retion and departure from Washington. Of not General Taylor made no movement in advance capital here, through a letter from Lieut. Col. truly say that, in this and other communica- It must appear surprising that you, who were buke. It may imply both, and still, being one of the "ten vessels" in ballast, or with of Saltillo; and that the new regulars, inclustores, (leaving room for troops,) have I heard, ding Cadwalader's brigade, only began to come special messenger from Washington. The special messenger from Washington. The special messenger from Washington. stores, (leaving room for troops,) have I heard, up to this day. Relying upon them, confidently, the embarkation was delayed, in whole or in part, at the Brazos and Tampico, from the the army commenced its advance upon the greatcoats. The new troops, (those who have 15th of January to the 9th of March; leaving, capital, with a little more than 10,000 effective distance of the last arrived; as destitute as the others, were ling myself been behind the curtain, admit the without regard to priority in the date of his in the case, as you had presented it, sufficient first told that they would find abundant supplies legal fiction that ALL acts of a Secretary are commission, should, in your first request, af. cause for such an order; that, in his opinion, it was reared, not nail the time needed for the reduction of Vera Cruz and its castle before It is not extravagant to say that, if Briga- at N. Orleans; next at Vera Cruz, and final- the acts of the President. Yet, in my defen- ter being assigned to command, ask the Pre- Col. Harney had a just cause to complain; and the return of the yellow fever. But half the dier General Cadwalader's forces had not been ly here; whereas, we now have, perhaps, a sive statements, I have offered no wanton disthe return of the yellow lever. But half the deletal can wanted a feel reconsidered to the war Department, officers as meritorious as "the three accom- by you, and the colonel restored to his approsurf boats came at all; and of the seige train diverted from me to the Rio Grande, where he and ordnance stores, only about one-half had was made to lose, without any benefit to Ma- (out of bad materials, and at high rates) pandent's views on this subject undoubtedly dif | in this case demonstrates the unreasonableness by those of the United States on those formid- might easily have taken this city in the month each, are absolutely necessary to cover the correctofficers is not graduated by their rank. Those ness of the President's proceedings. You had of captains and major generals have equal va. really rebuked and censured your own conlue in his estimation, and an equal claim to duct; for even before you had received the his respect and protection. I cannot admit President's views, you had, as he hoped you that it is a just ground of censure and rebuke would, reconsidered the matter, become conagainst the "head of the War Department" vinced of your error, reversed your own orthat the President did not see fit, in order to der, and restored Col. Harney to his command; gratify your feelings of favoritism, to disre- thus giving the strongest evidence in favor of gard the claims and violate the rights of all the propriety and correctness of all the Presithe assistant adjutants general of the rank of dent had done in the case. I give you too much credit for steadiness of purpose, to suspass unnoticed your extraordinary letter of the But, so far as it is made a ground of com- pect that you retraced your steps from mere 24th of February, nor just to myself to permit plaint and reproof, this is not the worst as- caprice, or for any other cause than a conviccavalry with Major General Taylor, so as to ceived the countermand there, and joined me port, No. 30, though forwarded the night of it to remain unanswered on the files of this pect of the case. You are entirely mistaken too that you had fallen into error. After the the senior of that arm in the expedition. There I know that I had the misfortune to give Perceiving, about November 27, that it was